

### **REMARKS**

The subject application was filed as a PCT application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as the Receiving Office on March 17, 2004. The PCT application claimed priority to a provisional patent application, which was also filed with the USPTO, on March 27, 2003. The PCT Request and the return receipt postcard submitted with the PCT application on March 17, 2004 indicated that the application's description/specification included twelve (12) pages. The return receipt postcard received from the USPTO indicated that all twelve (12) pages of the description/specification were received.

The subject application was published as WO 2004/094127 on November 4, 2004. Pages 6-8 of the description/specification were unexplainably excluded and/or withheld from publication. Thus, the description/specification of the published application included only nine (9) pages.

The present amendment is being made to ensure that the unpublished portion of the application is properly included as part of the description/specification. Support for the amendment is found in the provisional patent application of March 27, 2003 and, separately, in the PCT application filed on March 17, 2004. Accordingly, no new matter is being added by this amendment.


A copy of the PCT application, as filed, is enclosed herewith to ensure that a complete copy of the application is provided to the USPTO within thirty (30) months from the priority date.

Additionally, should it be determined that the text being added by the present amendment requires a petition, this paper should be considered a petition to have the text, which was not properly published through the fault of the USPTO and/or WIPO, added to the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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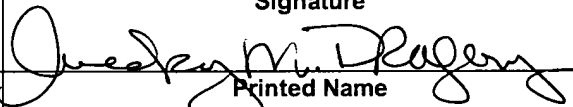
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